

REMARKS

Claims 12 and 26 are withdrawn without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 1-11, 13-25 and 27-38 are pending in the present application.

NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Applicant submits that the amendment as set forth herein meets and obviates the issues raised by the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (copy attached). Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and Response.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The indication in the Office Action that claims 12, 13, 26 and 27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim is noted with appreciation. These claims have so rewritten the Applicants believe that this overcomes the objections under 35 U.S.C § 102 and places the application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For all the reasons advanced herein (as well as in the submission of September 1st 2004 - copy attached), Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account no. 50-2898.

Date:

10/28/04

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment
Response to Office Action Dated March 4, 2004
Replacement drawing sheets 1/5-5/5

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